

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

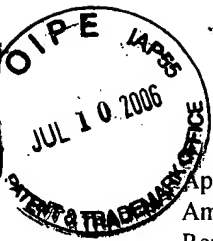
The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 and 30-32 as being unpatentable over Abecassis in view of Loveland.

Abecassis discloses an object tracking system as illustrated in FIG. 11A. The target selection is enabled 1100 then the video is paused 1101. Then the user positions the pointer and selects the target to obtain a target definition 1108. Thereafter, when zooming is enabled 1110, the target is centered with the frame is positioned, the zoom data is processed, and the window is sized. Accordingly, the system permits the selection of the target from a paused video, then subsequently permits image tracking while zooming.

Claim 1 patentably distinguishes over Abecassis in view of Loveland by claiming (a) automatically magnifying an image in response to initiating the object tracking system free from further user input while the object tracking system is activated, selecting an object of interest in the image while the object tracking system is activated and the image is being magnified, and (c) designating the object as the target of the tracking system and the image is being magnified while the object tracking system is activated.

Abecassis fails to disclose the claimed combination of automatic magnification in response to initiating object tracking, selection while the image is being magnified, and designating the object while the image is being magnified.

The remaining claims depend from claim 1 and are patentable for the same reasons.



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Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicants submit that no fees are required for entry of this Amendment. If it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 03-1550.

Respectfully submitted,

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